Local Farmer Says Money Grows On Trees

Money grows on trees for D. M. Wood, Appomattox County farmer.

At least, so he claims. And a look at the record shows he's close to being right.

Tree farming is simple enough, the way Wood tells it. It involves frequent small harvests of forest products, instead of large sales at long intervals, so the forest contributes regularly to his farm income.

As he harvests, he improves the woods. Enough trees are removed to stimulate growth for future harvests. He has set out around 12,000 young pine seedlings where nuisance hardwood and brush once grew. Surplus and low grade trees are cut and used instead of wasted.

The 460 acres he bought a decade ago are beginning to look different. Around 325 acres are in trees, and the rest may be soon, Wood says. Mostly, he's been "clearing out," getting pulpwood and mine ties. A good thinning operation will, he figures, pay off at the rate of around $2.00 an hour. A small two-man sawmill on the farm helps up the profits. He does some custom sawing and cutting.

There are ready Virginia markets, Wood says," for everything you can grow in the forest — in fact, for everything with hide, hair, or bark." The good markets, along with good churches, roads and schools — and the fact that he "liked the country and could buy good land cheaper than most other places," were responsible for his coming to Appomattox.

Timber is a major source of income on Wood's farm. He was "selling a little milk, but quit when the Grade III prices dropped — and that tobacco there — if it's ready to cut it's got to be cut. With trees —well, if a man wants to wait, he can. You're not so much at the mercy of markets and weather."

The forest lands on the Wood farm have yielded around $3,000 to $3,400 annually for the past five years or so, and they're getting more productive all the time. A man with plenty of timber doesn't have to be afraid of the future, Wood says.

His interest in trees is a natural one, dating back to his childhood on a farm in Alabama. "Dad was timber - conscious. Timber was scarce where I came from, and I was taught to conserve," Wood says. He switched from farming to mining, and for around 20 years "gouged the guts out of the earth." But he decided "anything was better than mining — if I could just break even at farming I'd be happier." So he washed the coal dust off his hands about 10 years ago, and now he's concerned with leaving the land better than he found it — by tree farming.

The future? More timber. "It's going to build a new house for me one of these days," Wood says.

(V. P. I. Extension Photo)

Above: D. M. Wood, Appomattox farmer, looks over tree seedlings which he says will bring a steady income to all landowners.

(V. P. I. Extension Photo)

Above: Mr. Wood and County Agent Jim Smith inspect timber cut on the tree farm of Mr. Wood near here.

'GATOR DISRUPTS GAME

Fort Pierce, Fla.- When a 5-foot alligator waddled onto the diamond during a boys' Pony League baseball game, there was an immediate uproar which subsided only after a team manager, Ken Gordy, managed to lasso and tie the alligator and turn him over to police.

FOUR BABIES IN TWO YEARS

St. Louin, Mo.- For the second time in less than sixteen months, Mrs. John Callahan, Jr. gave birth to twins. The Callahans, who were married in 1954, became the parents of twin sons on April 30, 1955. On August 17, this year, another set of twin boys arrived.

This is a good time to drive carefully, avoid risks and save lives on the highways.

JAPANESE BEETLE GOOD FOR SOMETHING

The Japanese beetle, cause of widespread laments from Virginia farmers the past few weeks, apparently is good for something.

From Goochland County comes the news that the beetle is good fish bait. In fact, about 200 fish were caught recently in a period of around 4½ hours in a local pond, using Japanese beetles as the only bait, says Goochland County Agent E. C. Truett, in his report to Arthur P. Morris, associate entmologist at VPI. Bream seem to be especially fond of the beetles.

Tuett also reports luck with grasshoppers in fishing for bass.

The fishing industry this week also reports trouble with seaside earwigs, which are killing soft crabs in Northumberland County. Usually the earwigs are not "economically important," but in limited areas where they are a nuisance, a general clean-up should help.

Continuing his report on insect activity in Virginia, Morris says outbreaks of corn earworms on soybeans have not been heavy enough to justify control measures.

A wind storm and hard rain may have helped the farmers in southeastern Virginia by killing moths and/or washing eggs off of plants. "We may get by without heavy damage to soybeans this year, but it's too early to be sure," Morris says. Farmers growing soybeans are advised to periodically check for corn earworm and fall armyworm outbreaks for at least another three or four weeks.

Hornflies, stableflies, houseflies and horseflies are troublesome on and around untreated cattle throughout the state. Lesser houseflies are numerous in some poultry houses in the poultry- and turkey-raising areas.

An emergency committee of American oil companies has been created by the Office of Defense Mobilization to make sure Britain and Western Europe get enough oil in case the Suez Canal crisis interrupts Middle East shipments.

AHLI States Homes Need More Light

Although the electric light was the very first of electricity's contributions to better living more than 75 years ago, the American Home Lighting Intsitute estimates that today at least 80 per cent of America's homes are still inadequately and improperly lighted.

This rather startling conclusion incorporates within its statistics the fact that the average home has only 11 lighting fixtures compared to the 25 inside and outside lights required for minimum illumination.

The Institute explained that although the general trend is toward more and better lighting fixtures, many new homes are equipped with the most inadequate lighting. This leaves the average home with the combination evils of glare and gloom. A small amount of money spent for installation of fixtures will provide light for better vision, for greated spaciousness and for better decoration.

Follow Check List

Whether a family is buying a new home or remodeling the present one, the installation of modern lighting is an important must in living better electrically.

Here's a suggested list for the new home buyer or the remodeler:

Outside—Individual lights for entrances, porches and driveways.

Stairs and halls—Spot ceiling fixtures over all stairs and in each hall, controlling them by switches at each end.

Bathrooms—Fixtures above and on each side of mirror. Always turn on lights when using medicine bottles. Night light is an added safety measure.

Bedroom—A large center ceiling fixture controlled by switches at the door and near the bed.

Kitchen—Ceiling fixture plus lights over all working areas, including sink, range and counters.

Basement and attic—Lights over laundry areas, furnace, storage area and work benches.

Closets— Wall or ceiling fixtures, preferably operated by door switch.

WORLD'S BIGGEST MAN?

Brussels, Belgium.- Claiming to be the world's biggest man, "Little Fernand," 32-year old, has a lot to prove his claim. He weighs 296 pounds, is seven feet 8 inches tall and has an arm span of eight feet one inch. Twenty-six feet of cloth are needed for a suit for him.

Increased use of electricity on farms has led to lower average cost per kilowat hour paid by farmers, but somewhat higher monthly electric bills.

Adding nitrogen to the soil after crops are harvested to speed up decay of crop residues does not pay, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

About 1½ billion dollars worth of surplus agricultural commodities have been sold to foreign countries in exchange for their own currency since September, 1954.

It's a good idea to read a book, but a better idea to be careful of the book that you read.

Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Sept. 5.- Mrs. Flora Belle Williams has returned home from a visit with friends in Long Island, N. Y.

Dr. F. H. Lukin and Joe Coleman spent the week-end in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Christian of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Fannie Glover Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell of Lynchburg spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at the Virginia Baptist Hospital Thursday, August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tibbs of Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenes, Mrs. Joddy Glover, Mrs. Roy Tolley and son, Allen called to see Mrs. W. Cumby during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley and Bill, Jr. are vacationing in Washington and Maryland, and visiting places of interest.

Mrs. Alice Marshall is visiting in Statesville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Olean Wimbish of Darlington Heights, visited his mother, Mrs. Lee during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green of Farmville were dinner guests, Sunday, her mother, Mrs. Joddy Glover. Also Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson and little daughter, Andrey Lee Anderson, from Greensboro, N. C. visited in this home on Monday.

Dr. Syngman Rhee recently took oath as the third (and only) president of the Republic of Korea.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis announce the birth of a son, Robert Joseph Jr., born on August 24, at the Lynchburg General Hospital. He will be called "Robbie."

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Clifton and family and Mrs. Annie Meadows spent Sunday visiting in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Mays spent the week-end in Tappahannock with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington.

Mrs. Edward Lewis, Bill and Alice, of Willow Grove, Penn., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis.

Really Economical

Husband.- You're not economical enough in these times; you will have to alter or else you will ruin me.

Wife.- Well, if you don't call a woman economical who saves her wedding dress for a possible second marriage, I'd like to know what you think economy is.

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Proper Care Adds Years To Life of Modern Appliances

One small word of caution before you start plugging your new electrical appliance, read the instruction sheet first, read it twice. Your electrical appliance will work and perform well if you take time to learn exactly what equipment is designed to do and how to make it operate efficiently. Reading the book of directions will help you get more out of your appliance, and thus a better return for your money.

Most important single rule for appliance on a regular basis. Keep your appliance in good shape. Minor repairs should be attended to promptly and should be made only by a licensed electrician. The buyer will investigate the policies of the appliance dealer before he makes his purchase. In case of difficulty caused by improper operation, you should have a clear idea of exactly where to get repairs and what kind of service you can expect.

Remember that if the seller is equipped to care for your appliance in the future, a few penny saved in original price might, in the end, turn out to be poor economy.

Cleaning the all-important day, too, here are a few tips that may help you keep your appliance in top shape all the time.

Gas ranges are less of a bother to clean if surfaces are wiped after the preparation of each meal, as spills occur during cook. Often cleaning enameled surfaces while the range is hot, a paper towel or dry cloth should be used. A damp cloth might crack or "craze" the enamel. Drip trays should be cleaned meticulously. Care that has been allowed to dry on electric surface units should be cleaned off. Never immerse electric units in water.

Refrigerators should be washed only inside and out. Interiors of the walls, shelves, ice trays and the freezing unit can be washed with a mixture of baking soda and water. The exterior of the refrigerator is washed with a mixture of soap and water; polished, with by preparations designed especially for enamaled surfaces. Door gaskets should be removed immediately when loose or torn.

Automatic washers should be thoroughly rinsed after each use and allowed to dry and air. Lint should be kept scrupulously clean.

The heating element of a toaster should itself and should not be immersed with. A toaster should be shaken and hanged, this tends to loosen the heating element. Crumb tray should be removed and cleaned after each use.

A coffeemaker should be thoroughly rinsed after use with hot, clean water. Care should be taken to avoid wetting eelctric element in base. Never immerse coffeemaker in water. Dry with a soft, clean cloth.

Adherence to manufacturers' instruteions, and day-to-day upkeep, will keep appliances at a peak level of efficiency; always ready to help a family live better — electrically.

HOME FREEZER IS A THREE-WAY WINNER

Economy, variety, and convenience—these are three of the big blessings development of the modern home food freezer has brought to the modern American family.

A freezer completely removes the whims of "seasons" from your menu. That nice string of bass you caught in August can come to the dinner table in January, with "right out of the lake" freshness. Vegetables like corn on the cob, previously enjoyed only in the summer months, can be eaten year round.

And by buying in season and quantity, the housewife can make her budget cover more territory. A $20 saving on a $100 food budget is quite common for a freezer owner. Entire meals can be frozen in advance. Leftovers can be used weeks later. Monotonous menus disappear. With year - round food choices, variety is the key word for families ,with a freezer.

Ownership of a food freezer will transform your kitchen routine. It will enable you to cut time for meal preparation from hours to minutes. No more frequent shopping trips and long meal planning. Besides bringing you more leisure, your meals will look better, taste better and be better. You and your whole family will live better — electrically.

GETS DEGREE AT 66

Bowling Green, Ky.- It required 44 years for Mrs. Floyd Rose McRae, now 66, to get her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Western Kentucky State College. She started teaching in a one-room school in 1911 and has taught almost every year since then. She continued her education over the period because she "just wanted to get the degree."

Live Better Electrically.

Electricity Means Comfort, Leisure to Nation's Families

American families this year, more than ever before, are aware that they can live better ELECTRICALLY. Young married couples, established families — even retired people planning their long-sought cottage — realize the benefits of comfort and convenience provided by electricity. And these benefits are brought right into every room of their homes.

With this public interest in mind, today's electrical appliance manufacturers spend no little effort designing their products to give every family in the country an important kind of new home equipment — leisure time and the comfort to enjoy it. That's what these "electrical servants" do in every room of the house.

A brief visit through an all electric home illustrates this happy fact.

Yesterday's kitchen, for instance, was a place for mother to work. Today it is a "center" of living. Home designers and manufacturers brought forth smart ideas to abolish the time-taking chores. Food freezers and refrigerators to fit any family and almost every taste are on the market. The electronic oven at lower prices is just around the corner; meanwhile the automatic electric ranges make cooking a new-found pleasure. Efficient dishwashers, waste disposals, and washer-dryer combinations surround the other appliances in a well-lighted arrangement. Group all these together and they give the American housewife the ultimate in convenience as she prepares for her busy family.

New Worlds Open

TV, radio and hi-fi phonographs bring new worlds of entertainment into the living room. But that's only part of the fun. For they can be enjoyed more in a cool, air-conditioned setting. On occasion, home movies are displayed for friends, or the tape recorder plugged in to preserve important events of family life.

In the bedrooms, electricity heats the blanket and adds that little luxury of reading in bed. Adjacent to the bathroom, perhaps, where adequate lighting, comfortable temperatures and a plentiful supply of hot water give practical demonstration of electricity's worth.

Electricity relieves Mother's concern in the nursery room in many ways. The bottle warmer, bottle sterilizer, hot plate for warming up milk, are all within easy reach at feeding time. A room-to-room "intercom" near the baby tells mother if all is well when she's in another part of the house.

Meanwhile, throughout the home the all-electric heating or cooling system operates smoothly to keep the family comfortable and healthy. There are no messy smells with electric, climate-control heating units.

It's no wonder people are thinking ELECTRICITY. They want the leisure time it brings, they enjoy the comfort it affords, and they like its low price.

WHEN BUYING HOME, CHECK THESE POINTS

A prospective home buyer would do well to make sure that the electrical capacity of the home matches his family's present requirements and those of five to ten years from now.

Here are five points to check:

Accessibility — Numerous outlets or plug receptacles of the proper types should be conveniently placed so that the need for the "octupus" cube taps inserted into a single plug outlet is eliminated.

Capacity — Each circuit should be capable of supplying the full current for which it is rated. Also, each circuit should have 20 per cent spare capacity over and above the probable maximum load. On general purpose circuits the normal load should not exceed 50 per cent of rated capacity, so that there is sufficient extra capacity for temporary portable equipment.

Isolation — Each major automatic appliance should have separate and individual circuit.

Safety — The wiring system should be safe in that it complies with the safety provisions of the National Electrical Code.

Control — Switches and outlets and other "on-off" controls are positioned carefully and in sufficient numbers to fit the family's living habits.

PROPER LIGHTING CAN MAKE HOMES RICHER AND HAPPIER

Professional decorators agree that the lighting in a home can show off — or show up any decorating scheme. Too much light can be as bad as too little light, and even one misplaced fixture can destroy the mood that makes a room inviting and comfortable.

It's not just by chance that producers of motion pictures, the theatre, and television pay a great deal of money for experienced lighting directors. Lighting can set the mood for every human emotion as is witnessed in any theatrical production. No good photographer would use a single glaring light for the study of a beautiful woman. But the very same woman would probably go home to face her husband and guests under poor lighting conditions that make her look years older than she is. With proper lighting on the other hand, the plainest woman or decorating scheme can look attractive.

Recent surveys show that the average American home contains seventeen or eighteen light bulbs or tubes. Enough? Not by a long shot, say the experts. Proper decoration and utility require sixty or more bulbs skillfully placed and integrated for maximum efficiency, they assert. People used to poor lighting do not realize that their whole well-being can be influenced by a few inexpensive bulbs. Large shadowy areas, for instance, create an atmosphere of gloom and a depression. Flat lighting — boredom. Harsh, glaring lights bring on restlessness and fatigue. Accent lights against a well lighted background stimulate the feeling of gaiety and interest.

Proper lighting can make rugs look rich and luxurious, metallic fabrics take on a new glitter, soft woods look more lustrous and copper and brass pieces stand out with their warm new glow.

The many types of flourescent lights available today can literally change the mood in any room of the house. Cool flourescents are strong in blue, and will accent blue colors while dulling reds and yellows. Warm flourescents strengthen those reds and yellows, while dulling blues and greens.

It is foresight to know how your color scheme will react under certain types of illumination. A "perfect" color scheme can be a complete failure if the wrong light is employed.

HAPPY THOUGHTS

I find I am always happiest
When I've truly done my best.
When things seem bent on going wrong
I change them with a happy song.
I speak words that are soft and kind,
They drive out angry thoughts, I find.
I thank Thee, Father, for today
For health and strength to work and play.

—Author Unknown.

Taken from "Neighbor" (A Travelers Guide)

Old Wiring Systems Cannot Handle Modern Appliance Needs

Today, millions of American homeowners, who are either modernizing their homes or are buying new homes, are operating their up-to-date electrical appliances with wiring which was out of date and insufficient five years ago. According to the National Adequate Wiring Bureau, about 80 per cent of the homes in the United States are putting a modern electrical load on a wiring system designed for 1930.

If you are limping along on inadequate wiring, you had better take stock. You have invested in the electrical appliances which you and your family wish to enjoy for modern living, but what about the wiring which is essential to get the best service from them

No single factor in the home counts so heavily toward the comfort and convenience of the family as their HOUSEPOWER. In making improvements, too often homeowners notice that the point on the outside of the house needs replenishing, that the decorations and furnishing inside need renewing. To these people outward appearances are all that count: the plumbing and wiring in the home are forgotten.

When Mrs. Housewife's new iron doesn't heat up very fast, she thinks it isn't as good as she thought it would be. She fails to realize the real trouble: she has overloaded the electrical circuit to which the iron is attached.

What about the times when the family's television set flickers, shrinks and fades? Do they immediately think of their electrical wiring, or do they, too often, blame the manufacturer of the set which they own? Unfortunately, most homeowners think the appliance is at fault when it does not operate properly.

Does Mr. Householder irately blame his wife for not making his coffee fast enough in the morning? In many cases the percolator is connected to a circuit which does not carry enough electrical power to accomodate the percolator, the toaster, waffle iron, and refrigerator—all in use at the same time.

Figure Load - Factor

Most homes have 30-ampere, 120 volt wiring, which provides only 3,600 watts for all the lights and appliances in the home. Modern homes require at least 100-ampere service with three service entrance wires from the main power line. A 100-ampere service provides a total of 24,000 watts: 120 volts for lights and small appliances and 240 volts for heavy electrical equipment like the electric range, water heater, and clothes drier. By referring to a table of appliances you will know how your present wiring compares to the 24,000 watts you should have for modern living.

To get a better idea of the "load factor" your home requires, you should call in a qualified electrical contractor, or ask your local electric utility to figure it for you.

Installation of modern electrical service will provide for present wiring requirements in the home, as well as future additions to your appliances and lighting.

You and members of your family are fully aware of what electrical appliances you have now in your kitchen, dining area, and laundry. You probably have thought recently that it might be nice to have some new ones. Before you purchase those additional shiny appliances which will make your kitchen and laundry work so much easier, why don't you consider the wiring needed for them?

Average Wattages of Various Appliances

Appliance	Watts	Heater	up to 1050
Room Air Conditioners		Heating Equipment:	
1-2 Ton	880	Warm Air Furnace Fan	320
3-4 Ton	1255	Oil Burner Motor	230
1 Ton	1546	Humidifier	185
Blanket	175	Ice Cream Freezer	115
Bottle Warmer	440	Ironer	1455
Broiler	1400	Odorizer	11
Casserole	510	Pressure Cooker	1400
Clock	2	Power Tools	up to 1000
Clothes Dryer	4760	Projector	300
Coffee Maker	up to 1000	Radio	30
Corn Popper	440	Recorder	95
Dehumidifier	185	Record Player	50
Dishwasher	1325	Refrigerator	230
Dry Iron	1025	Roaster	1320
Fans		Sandwich Grill	960
Floor Circulator	120	Sewing Machine	75
Attic	345	Shaver	11
Kitchen Exhaust	75	Steam Iron	1040
Portable	50	TV Receiver	205
Floor Polisher	475	Vacuum Cleaners:	
Food Freezer	up to 460	Bag Type	340
Food Warmer	310	Canister Type	725
Frying Pan	1085	Tank Type	555
Food Mixer	130	Hand Type	310
Hair Dryer	415	Washer:	
Heat Lamp	250	Automatic	400
Heating Pad	60	Non-automatic	380

18th Annual Meeting

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INFORMATION:

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ENTERTAINMENT:

This year the program will feature the Virginia Folk Music Festival which will be held in cooperation with your annual meeting. The Festival will feature such entertainers as Jody Rainwater, Lloyd Estes, J. B. Wells, Bill and Mary Reid and a host of other top folk music entertainers throughout Virginia.

SPEAKERS:

Fred H. Strong, Deputy Administrator of R.E.A. in Washington will have a message for you on how your electric power has affected you and through wise use of your electric equipment, your electric service does not cost—it pays. Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox, a close friend of your Cooperative and an able supporter of the rural electric program, will be with us to report on his work in Congress and the progress of the rural electrification program as he sees it.

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